GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4279
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DISPOSAL OF AGEING AIRCRAFT
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft not in operation at present in the Indian Airfleet, Company-wise;

(b) the expenditure being incurred annually on the maintenance of the grounded aircraft; and

(c) the stage at which the proposal to dispose of these grounded aircraft and purchase of new ones to replace them stands?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a): In Air India, 3 B747-200 aircraft are not in operation since mid-February 2000.These aircraft are offered for sale. As regards Indian Airlines, 32 aircraft are not in operation at present.

(b): Air India has incurred an expenditure of Rs.90 lacs so far on maintenance of these grounded aircraft.As regards Indian Airlines, no expenditure is being incurred on the maintenance of these aircraft.

(c): Air India had signed an agreement with M/s.Carry Air Leasing Aviation Limited for saleof two aircraft. For third aircraft, Air India had floated an advertisement.

The matter concerning disposal of Indian Airlines` aircraft is under consideration.

As these aircraft are presently surplus to Air India and Indian Airlines requirements, the question of purchasing new ones to replace these aircraft does not arise.